

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9 as follows:

This application is ~~related to~~ a continuation-in-part of commonly-assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/061,911, titled "Authentication Cache in a Distributed Network Environment," filed February 1, 2002, and ~~to~~ is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/061,895, titled "Authentication on Demand in a Distributed Network Environment," filed February 1, 2002, both of which are incorporated by reference.